

Whisconier Middle School Activities

Ice Cream Social -Grades 5 & 6

We're scooping up tons of fun for 5th and 6th Graders at our 14th Annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 8. Social will be held at the Town Park Beach (which will be closed to the public), and features games (volleyball/basketball), swimming, and ice cream. Leave from WMS by chartered bus at 2:45 p.m. Parents are to pick up students at the Town Park at 5:00 p.m. Fee is \$10.00 per student, and pre-registration is required.

Basic Drawing and Watercolor

Students in grades 5 – 8 will join artist Victoria Lange in learning basic drawing and watercolor techniques. Each student will receive individualized attention to be successful at their ability level, culminating with the completion of a painting. Please ask for a materials list when registering. Materials cost is approximately \$40.00. Bring a snack and a drink each week. Late bus transportation is available from WMS after school for this program.

Day: Monday Time: 2:40 – 4:10 p.m.

Dates: 4/9 – 6/11 (8 wks)-no class 4/16, 5/28

Place: WMS Art Room Instructor: Victoria Lange

Fee: \$85.00

USTA Junior Tennis

Brookfield Parks & Recreation and the United States Tennis Association New England are forming a Jr. Team Tennis league.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is a recreational tennis league for children ages 5–18 with some previous tennis experience. Children play on co-ed teams offering a fun and competitive environment. USTA Jr. Team Tennis allows participants (adv. beginner, intermediate and advanced) to compete with and against individuals of similar age and skill level. Teams have the opportunity to advance to state, sectional and national championship events.

The season will run June 8 through July 29 with a practice once a week and a match once a week. Three home meets will be played on Saturday afternoons on the BHS Courts and three away meets TBA in towns throughout Fairfield County. Every effort will be made to have practice on a set day and time each week time when all team members can participate.

Total fee to participate is \$102. \$65 will be paid directly to Parks & Rec at registration for coaches' fees and team t-shirt. \$37 will be paid when you register for your team online and includes USTA membership and the fee for the league. You **MUST** register with Parks and Recreation by Wednesday, May 9 in order to play.

To learn more about Jr. Team Tennis please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall. We'll be meeting in the Curriculum Room which is on the second floor and part of the Board of Education Offices.

Horseback Riding Lessons

This course offers basic horse care, grooming, tacking up, and riding skills from beginner to advanced. In case of inclement weather, lessons will be held in an indoor ring. Register with the Parks & Recreation Office, and Brushy Hill Farm will contact you directly to set up a mutually convenient lesson time. These group lessons begin the week of April 23 (or at your convenience) and will last for six weeks, one hour each week. Brushy Hill Farm is located in Southbury, just 13 minutes from the flagpole in Newtown.

Directions are available at the Parks & Recreation Office. Long pants and shoes with heel are recommended. Hard hats will be provided. Fee: \$295.00

The Secrets of Successful Test-Taking

Fair or not, the difference between good grades and great grades is doing well on tests. The good news, students can learn effective test prep skills. This overview workshop introduces the three key areas: reviewing and organizing the subject materials, pre-test study strategies and test day tips for success. How to approach true-false, multiple choice and document-based questions will be covered.

Day: Saturday Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Date: 3/24 or 5/12 Fee: \$35.00

Place: Tutoring Club- 270 Federal Road

Instructor: Nancy Sutherland, Study Skills Instructor

Golf Lessons for Juniors

These classes are intended to provide students ages 8 – 15 with a solid base in the fundamentals of golf, as well as to get them prepared to play and to enjoy the game. The classes are ideal for both beginners who have never played before and for more experienced players who want to improve one or all aspects of their game. Also included will be work on faults and fixes, drills, rules and etiquette, course management and strategy, some computer video swing analysis, and much more. Students can bring their own clubs, or Golf Quest will provide them for you. A 7-iron and 5-iron will be used during class 1 and clubs for other sessions will be discussed during class. Fee is \$110.00 for any one month of four classes. All classes meet 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Golf Quest, 1 Sand Cut Road.

April: 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25 (Wednesdays)

May: 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31 (Thursdays)

June: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 (Wednesdays)

July: 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 (Tuesdays)

August: 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 (Thursdays)

ARC Babysitter's Training *American Red Cross Babysitter's Training* gives 11-15 year olds the skills and confidence they need to become great babysitters. This 6-hour class covers training in care giving, decision making, safety and first aid skills, and preventing and responding to emergencies. Course participants receive The Babysitter's Training Handbook, which provides course review and 30 easy-to-follow first aid action plans for handling emergencies. Red Cross Babysitter Certification will be awarded upon successful completion. Please bring a lunch and drink and a pen or pencil. Class meets in the Town Hall.

Day: Friday Date: 4/20

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$65.00

Place: Town Hall Room 133 Instructor: Peggy Boyle